

## Underground Railroad

For each question below, answer the question asked then *list* AT LEAST THREE (3) quotations from the text that support your answer. Place the page number of the quotation in parentheses after each quotation.

1. How does the depiction of slavery in *The Underground Railroad* compare to other depictions in literature and film?
2. Cora constructs elaborate daydreams about her life as a free woman and dedicates herself to reading and expanding her education. What role do you think stories play for Cora and other travelers using the underground railroad?
3. "The treasure, of course, was the underground railroad... Some might call freedom the dearest currency of all." How does this quote shape the story for you?
4. How does Ethel's backstory, her relationship with slavery and Cora's use of her home affect you?
5. What are your impressions of John Valentine's vision for the farm?
6. What do you think about Terrance Randall's fate?
7. Who do you connect with most in the novel and why?
8. Why do you think the author chose to portray a literal railroad? How did this aspect of magical realism impact your concept of how the real underground railroad worked?

[Questions from Oprah.com reading guide]